



Mrs. Mary Frances (Convertino) Ciccone

February 28, 1925 - February 16, 2021

UTICA - Mrs. Mary Frances (Convertino) Ciccone, nearly 96, gracefully passed away on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with the love and support of her family in her heart.

Born in Utica on February 28, 1925, Mary was the daughter of the late Anthony and Catherine (Brunette) Convertino. At the age of 3, her mother passed away and the family moved to Johnstown where her beloved sister Angie could assist in raising the children. Mary received her education in Johnstown and during her high school years she ran track and had many good memories of that time.

Mary began her working career at Fownes Brothers & Co., Inc. She had family back in East Utica who they often visited, and it was there, in her teens, that she met her future husband, Henry "Andy". He communicated with her by mail when he went to serve in World War II. After a courtship, on August 6, 1949, they took their nuptial vows, ...and their life began! They respected each other, and Mary was very attentive to her husband, and in kind, he always helped out. They were married for 50 years and blessed with three devoted children. She worked at Chicago Market in North Utica, and in retirement she accepted a position with the Utica City School District as a lunch room aide. Mary was graced with a sweet and subtle personality. Her kindness was strong yet understated and humble. She loved her Italian heritage, and she celebrated all the holidays at her home. She was a caretaker of her father, her husband, and her in-laws. She was selfless about these deeds.

She was a member of the North Utica Senior Center and enjoyed all the activities they had to offer. She was a communicant of Historic Old St. John's Church where she attended Mass and recited the Holy Rosary every day. She also enjoyed their choir and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. She was extremely devoted to the Lord for her strength. Mary's lifestyle and acts of kindness were not dictated by cost or acclaim, but rather by her genuine intent to benefit those she loved. Mary especially enjoyed her girl time with her only granddaughter, Marie.

Even through her illness of dementia, she showed such spirit and kindness. Her body never weakened, and she maintained her health. At the end of her life, ...she danced and sang.

Mary is survived by her children and their spouses, Elaine and Paul Hage, Joanne and Donald "Peter" Burns, and Vincent and Sharon Ciccone; her grandchildren, Marie Hage; Luke and Colleen Ciccone, and David Ciccone; great-grandchildren, Collin, Carmine, and Julian; and her brother, Samuel Convertino who she loved very much, and was also a resident of the Masonic Care Community. They were very close, and you could find them holding hands at the Catholic Mass every Tuesday.

She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Angeline and Eugene Landrio; brother, Angelo Convertino who passed as a young boy; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Rosario and Vincenza Ciccone, and Rosario's second wife, Lucia Ciccone "Grandma Lucy"; and her in-laws, Angelo and Theresa Ciccone.

The family is grateful to the staff of the Saranac Household at the Masonic Care Community, as well as all the caregivers; Dr. Kevin McCormick, family physician and friend; and family friends, Betsy Donovan and Patty Femia who had a special devotion to Mary.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mary's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning, February 22, 2021 at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of

Christian Burial will be offered. Face masks that cover both your nose and mouth are required and social distancing and contact tracing will be implemented. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Mary's memory may be made to Historic Old St. John's Church Organ Fund, online at <https://historicaldstjohnschurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/MemorialFund/donate> or by mail to 240 Bleecker St., Utica, NY 13501. Envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Mary's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary where a link to a video recording of Mary's funeral Mass will be available. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I am sorry for your loss. I can't be certain, however my Mom was a Convertino (married name Mary Loy) and she would drive to Utica to visit from Binghamton. I believe it may have been your Mom.. take care, Bette Ann (Loy) Schmidt

Bette Ann Schmidt - March 26, 2021 at 07:40 PM

JH

“ Jeremy Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances (Convertino) Ciccone



Jeremy Hayes - March 23, 2021 at 09:49 AM

AB

“ Elaine and family so sorry to hear about your mom's passing I remember how kind she always was to me at Jefferson school when I would go through the lunch line she was always smiling and was kind wonderful woman!!!

Angelina Bonomo - February 25, 2021 at 05:13 PM

FC

“ Thinking of you all as you grieve the loss of your mother. She was a beautiful person. I still can see you (Elaine) after Mass one Tuesday at Masonic Home with your arms around your mother as you tried to console her.
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Fred and Kathy Capozzella

Fred Capozzella - February 25, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Being part of the Family. Aunt Mary and Uncle Andy were my God Parents. They accepted this role with a dedication and caring that is seldom seen today.*

Every summer I would spend a week as part of the family. There was never a question that I belonged, or that I was loved. As I grew older, they would each in trying to teach me something, bring me into their own lives with a story or straight forward advice.

Although I had many aunts and uncles, These were special. They were about the only ones I would think about when I wanted to share the something special about family with my closest friends. Addy said to me tonight, "Uncle Andy always showed his love for Aunt Mary." Reflecting back, I smile and realize, that we all did.

Elaine, Joann and Vinnie, your Mom is in a good place. And I can almost hear me Mom say, "Mary, its about time you showed up, Happy Hour is waiting."



Gary Landrio - February 22, 2021 at 12:35 AM

JB

Gary, thank you so much for a beautiful tribute to my Mom and Dad! They were fond of you and always looked forward to seeing you during your summer track to the Adirondacks! ❤️

Joanne Burns - February 25, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Frances (Convertino) Ciccone.*



February 21, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Elaine my sincere condolences to you and .your family. Sending love and prayers. Sincerely Paulette Sbarra.*

Paulette Sbarra - February 21, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Oh the singing and the dancing! That's what I'll remember most about Mary. We spent a lot of time with her when visiting my mother. She'll be missed by many.
Sincerely,
Anne McGuirl*

Anne McGuirl - February 21, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ *We have some wonderful memories of Thanksgiving shared with Mary at our large family gatherings at Paul, Elaine and Marie's home. Mary made a special appetizer (fahgots) which we enjoyed while sipping a Manhattan, and after the big Thanksgiving feast we'd have a slice of Mary's pumpkin pie. We will treasure these memories of a beautiful, gentle lady. May God rest her soul. ❤️ Ray, Liz, Matt & Andy*

liz - February 19, 2021 at 02:37 PM

LI

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



liz - February 19, 2021 at 02:06 PM